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**ALLELUIA**

*The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day*  
April 24, 2011

**WORSHIP. . . . . 9:00 a.m.**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Jesus Christ, now risen from the dead, break through the walls of death around us, and shatter all our fears about the future. Take us into Your arms. Hold us forever in Your embrace. And bring us at last to the joy of life everlasting.

*Risen Saviour, carry us forward from this life to the next.*

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**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** . . . . . as printed

**HYMNS:** 480; 474; 457

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 10:34-43 (pg. 919)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 984)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 28:1-10 (pg.835)

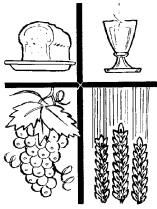
**SERMON:** No More Lies - Just Life in Christ! - Matthew 28:11-15

**WELCOME** to all members and visitors with us this morning. On this glorious day, we celebrate the best news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is risen, the victor over death and the grave. We gather in His name each week, to celebrate this joyous event, and to rejoice that our life is in Him, who gives life now and forever. We are glad you have joined us today, and hope you will join us again. Introduce yourself to our pastors. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** Current 140.00.00; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 70.50; Memorial Fund 25.00; Strathroy 76.00.

**MEMORIALS / SPECIAL GIFTS:**

- to the **Memorial Fund**, in memory of **Viola Coombes** from Lorne and Susan Campbell



**THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION** in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. All are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing—just cross your arms across your chest and the pastors and elder will know how to respond.

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we prepare our hearts by asking:

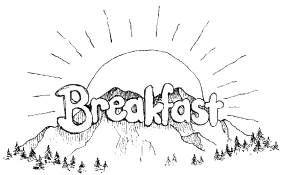
- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is my only Lord and Saviour from sin, death and the devil?
- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood?
- † Do I resolve to dedicate, with the help of God, my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, thankful living and sacrificial living?

You may also wish to use the prayers before communing and after receiving the Sacrament, printed on the inside cover of the hymnal. You can also use Luther's *Christian Questions and Answers*, on p. 329 of the hymnal.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 21 ('10:21). Sunday School: 7

**PLEASE USE OUR RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP:** Recording the presence of our **members, visitors and friends** each week is an "Act of Friendship" because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew from us. Please fill out this form and pass it down the pew. When it reaches the end, pass it back up to the centre aisle. Say hello to those who have joined you in worship today!

Please use this form to register for Holy Communion, too.



**A SINCERE THANK YOU** to all who made our breakfast today a wonderful time of fellowship. We are blessed in having this opportunity to enjoy time with one another, even as we come together in the fellowship of God's church. It is such a joy to be able to rejoice together in this way, at the good news of the Resurrection!

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**Special Needs:** Gail Bugbee, John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Betty Muir Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken.

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay

**Family Focus:** Marie Harry; Dale and Kathleen Henderson; Arline Hensel; Laura, Andrew, Helen and Ian Hey.

**OUR LWML "MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND" BANQUET** is soon approaching! Ladies, don't forget to mark May 10<sup>th</sup> on your Calendar!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** To all of our "More Precious than Gold" ladies who attended last Saturday's luncheon and to the ladies who were unable to attend—you are truly special. We thank God for each and every one of you.

And from those precious ladies... a sincere thank you to those who put on the event. The luncheon was enjoyed by all!

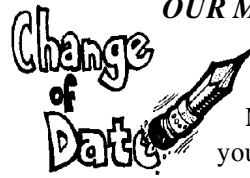
### FLY NEWS

Our next FLY meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm! Please meet at the Church for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, games and snacks!



**LCC CONVENTION NEWS:** "In Your Light, we see Light" Psalm 36:9 is the theme for our LCC Convention, which will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre & Sheraton Hotel on June 3-6, 2011. Only once in a decade does a national convention of Lutheran Church-Canada come to this part of the country. You are invited to join hundreds of other LCC Lutherans as part of the congregation at the 2011 LCC Convention Opening Service June 3 @ 8:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Hamilton.

**CONVENTION NEWS** and the Convention Workbook are available online at <http://www.lutheranchurch.ca/synod2011.php>. Check out all the plans and directions of our national church, as we prepare for the convention in June.



**OUR MAY BIBLE STUDIES** will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, instead of on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This is to accommodate Pastor Bode's schedule in May. The next study will be at the Mulligans'. We invite you to join us as we gather around God's Word in our discussion on heaven and hell and the glorious life we have in the living Lord, Jesus Christ!

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GUILD** will host the annual Guild Day, Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Special guests Rev. Ron and Karen Mohr will present musical entertainment. Come enjoy the day together and meet the seminary students and their families. Registration should be sent to Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, to the attention of Bonnie Stephenson at 470 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2T 4C3. Cost is \$3.00 for the day and \$12.00 for the luncheon.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| <b>Mon.</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Office Prayer/Staff Meeting             |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Pastors at Prayer                       |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Confirmation                            |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 6:30 p.m.  | Chimers                                 |
|               | 7:30 p.m.  | Choir                                   |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 7:00 p.m.  | Bible Study @ Martha Fonger's           |
|               | 7:00 a.m.  | Sunday School Teachers' Meeting         |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 2:00 p.m.  | FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth)              |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday Morning Worship w/Holy Communion |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship                   |



**A PRE-CALL MEETING** with our district president, Pastor Paul Zabel, will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. In preparation for this day, we ask that our members fill out a survey of pastoral expectations. You can fill in the form online, but only by entering the following link: <http://www.faithlutheranlondon.com/church/survey>. Printed copies are also available at the entrances. We appreciate your returning these as soon as possible.

We also have a form on which you can make a referral for consideration. It can be found at <http://www.kahleinfotech.com/church/nomination.html>

### MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

God has blessed the work in Haiti, even in spite of the setbacks after the devastation caused by the earthquake. Churches are being rebuilt, but the work and the needs continue. Your gift helps the work of the Gospel in this land so in need of God's Word of truth.



Pastor does believe in a "literal 6 day creation" even though his sermons can seem like millions of years.